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Insights into the change in payroll jobs between mid-February and mid-March 2022

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 **Source:** [Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia, Week ending 12 March 2022](#)

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In the month to mid-March 2022, payroll jobs continued to be influenced by the COVID-19 Omicron variant and easing of pandemic restrictions across the country.

In late February, payroll jobs were further impacted when adverse weather conditions resulted in widespread flooding in coastal areas of New South Wales and south-east Queensland.

To aid in understanding the influence of these factors on payroll jobs in New South Wales and Queensland, Statistical Area level 3 (SA3) maps in this article present payroll job changes over two consecutive fortnights between mid-February and mid-March 2022.

The underlying data used in preparing these maps is available in Table 5 of this release.

Payroll jobs can show larger short-term changes than Labour Force statistics on employment, given that employees may be away from paid work for a short period without losing their job. Information on employed people working reduced or no hours are available in the [Labour Force \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release\)](#) release.

New South Wales

The extended rainfall event in late February saw extensive flooding in coastal regions of New South Wales including parts of Greater Sydney.

Percentage change in payroll jobs in fortnight to 26 February 2022

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Data for the SA3s of Illawarra Catchment Reserve and Blue Mountains - South are not available.

Percentage change in payroll jobs in fortnight to 12 March 2022

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Queensland

The same extended rainfall event in late February affected south-east Queensland, with extensive flooding in regional coastal areas including Greater Brisbane.

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